

TOWN OF SUTTON
State of New Hampshire
TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Articles 1 and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 2005 at seven of the clock in the evening to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 for the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is pursuant to RSA 674:55, as amended, requiring municipalities to use consistent wetlands definition and delineation procedures.

Amendment 1 provides:

Under Article IV:D2 Residential District

DELETE:

After the word **wetland**, "...as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey as poorly drained and very poorly drained soils..."

And **REPLACE** with the following wording:

"...as defined by RSA 482-A:2, X, and as delineated per the Wetlands Bureau Rules and the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manual."

AND

Under Article V:D1 under Rural-Agricultural District

DELETE:

After the word **wetland**, "...as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey as poorly drained and very poorly drained soils..."

And **REPLACE** with the following wording:

"...as defined by RSA 482-A:2, X, and as delineated per the Wetlands Bureau Rules and the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manual."

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the acquisition of municipal land and/or buildings and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen will conduct a public hearing prior to finalizing the bond issue. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the issuance of the bond or until March 9, 2008 whichever is sooner. **RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.** (*Paper Ballot Vote at Town Meeting- Open for 1 hour – 2/3 majority required*)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Forty One Dollars (\$1,435,541) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$131,371
4140 Election & Registration	\$ 2,073
4150 Financial Administration	\$ 75,812
4152 Revaluation of Property	\$ 10,000
4153 Legal Expense	\$ 15,000
4155 Personnel Administration	\$ 79,906
4191 Planning Board	\$ 12,204
4192 Zoning Board	\$ 8,631
4194 General Government Buildings	\$ 29,000
4195 Cemeteries	\$ 10,000
4196 Insurance	\$ 44,500
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 1,770
4210 Police Department.....	\$219,471
4215 Ambulance	\$ 32,724
4220 Fire Department	\$ 26,100
4240 Building Inspection.....	\$ 5,200
4290 Emergency Management	\$ 800
4299 Dispatching Services.....	\$ 15,079
4312 Highway Department	\$487,960
4313 Bridges	\$ 3,000
4316 Street Lighting.	\$ 6,000
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$141,170
4411 Health Administration.....	\$ 1,200
4415 Health Agencies	\$ 4,426
4442 Direct Assistance	\$ 9,500
4443 Welfare Administration	\$ 8,111
4520 Culture & Recreation	\$ 6,028
4550 Library	\$ 18,474
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000
4611 Conservation Commission	\$ 2,904
4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds and Notes.....	\$ 17,483

4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 2,644
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 5,000
4790 Other Debt Service.....	\$ 1,000

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$251,750) to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Highway Emergency.....	\$ 2,000
Milfoil.....	\$ 2,500
Highway Equipment/Trucks	\$ 75,000
Town Bridges.....	\$ 25,000
Solid Waste/Recycling Facility	\$ 5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	\$ 250
Fire Equipment Replacement.....	\$ 15,000
Property Revaluation	\$ 20,000
Highway Facility.....	\$ 50,000
Computer Technology Upgrade.....	\$ 1,500
Legal Fees	\$ 2,500
Highway Grader.....	\$ 25,000
Highway Loader.....	\$ 25,000
Town History	\$ 3,000

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (The Budget Committee Recommends \$199,250).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing a half ton pickup truck and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) from the Highway Pickup Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) to upgrade blacktop town roads.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of assisting the Sutton Historical Society with the drafting of a Town History and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Town History Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of preserving historical records such as the ‘Proceedings of Jury Meetings’ and ‘Town Proceedings 1941-1958’.

The aforementioned records have been determined to be priority items based on their condition.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) to make the entrance to the Pillsbury Memorial Hall accessible walkway compliant with ADA requirements and to maintain the aesthetics and historical integrity of the walkway.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to upgrade fire safety equipment for the Sutton Firemen's Association.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to expand and repair the Recycling Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Solid Waste/Recycling Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 and modified in 2003 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000) for the purpose of land acquisition, site development and/or building a new police station. This Article will be passed over if Article 3 is approved.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 to the Police Department Facility Study and Implementation Capital Reserve Fund. If this Article Fails, Article 16 will be passed over. 2/3 majority required.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$6,700 for the purpose of performing site studies including survey, septic plans other engineering and drafting work as required for the new Sutton Police Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$6,700 from the Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 and amended in 2005 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to establish three non capital reserve funds under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of establishing building and grounds expendable maintenance funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for deposit as follows:

Fire Department Building Expendable Maintenance.....	\$2,000
Library Building Expendable Maintenance.....	\$1,000
Cemetery Expendable Maintenance	\$1,000

and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring land for conservation purposes and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into this fund. **NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law in accordance with RSA 149-M:17 II respecting a penalty for failure to comply with the By-Laws in regard to the operation of the Solid Waste Facility. This By-Law is to be added to and become a part of the Regulations adopted August 1, 1978 as amended March 12, 1980 and March 14, 1990.

FAILURE TO PAY required tipping fees for any reason including refusal to pay or payment by check by insufficient funds, may result in the loss of privilege to use the facility until such time as restitution is made in addition to any other fees and penalties that apply.

Article 20: Whereas citizens of the Town of Sutton wish to preserve Kings Hill Road for recreational use, we ask that the length of Kings Hill Road be changed to a CLASS A-RECREATIONAL TRAIL, from its current road status, to the conformity of NHRSA 231-A, in its entirety; to begin at a point 800 feet from its Penacook Road junction, on its east end, to its terminus at the town line of the Town of Newbury, on its west end. The reclassification shall take effect upon passage. This reclassification shall be subject to the following conditions.

1. If any section of the Road is not a classed road of the town the residual shall survive the disclosure as a Class A trail
2. Vehicular traffic is permitted.
3. Landowner access and building maintenance is preserved.
4. New buildings without driveways to the TRAIL are permitted.
5. The classified trail shall be maintained for foot traffic, two-wheel usage, OHRV and snowmobile usage, cross country skiing, horseback riding and all similar activities, and, as an access to all lands and buildings along the road for maintenance, logging, silvaculture, agriculture, safety services, woodland recreation, and erosion control.
6. New roads shall not be joined into the reclassified Kings Hill Road.
7. Jurisdiction for maintenance and control shall be vested in the Sutton Conservation Commission and the Office of Selectmen.

Petitioned by Charles Forsberg and others.

Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William I. Curless, Chair

Philip E. Buteau, Selectman

Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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